



Brain Injury Advisory Council Member Directory

Overview

The purpose of the Brain Injury Advisory Council (BIAC) as specified in [Article 3 of General Statute 143B-2016.65](#), is to review the causes and impact of traumatic and other acquired brain injuries in North Carolina and advise state leaders on developing, funding, and implementing a comprehensive statewide system to support brain injury survivors.

State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 - BIAC Membership

Voting Members					
Member Name	Appointing Authority	Term Start Date	Term End Date	Position	Appointing Seat Description
Beth Overby	Office of the Governor	2022	2026	Chair	Family member of person with brain injury (Central NC)
Tracy Hayes	Office of the Governor	2024	2028	Vice-Chair	Director of a local management entity of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (MH/DD/SUS)
April Groff	Office of the Governor	2024	2028	Member	Chair of the board or designee of the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina
Christine Fernandini	North Carolina Senate	2023	2027	Member	Nurse with expertise in trauma, neurosurgery, neuropsychology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, or emergency medicine
Glenn Johnson	Office of the Governor	2022	2026	Member	Survivor of brain injury (Eastern NC)

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Jen Kimbrough	Office of the Governor	2024	2028	Member	Executive Director or designee of the Brain injury Association of NC
Jordan Slade	Office of the Governor	2022	2026	Member	Survivor of brain injury (Central NC)
Joseph Propst	Office of the Governor	2022	2026	Member	Stroke Survivor, recommended by the American Heart Association
Kevin Burroughs	Office of the Governor	2023	2027	Member	Brain injury service provider in the private sector
Kristen Barboza	Speaker of the House	2024	2028	Member	Representative of the NC Hospital Association or other organization interested in brain injury prevention or treatment
Laura Morris	Office of the Governor	2023	2027	Member	Family member of person with brain injury (Central, NC)
Laurie Stickney	North Carolina Senate	2023	2027	Member	Representative of the NC Medical Society or other organization with interest in brain injury prevention or treatment
Leila Hicks-Jarmusz	Office of the Governor	2024	2028	Member	Executive Director or designee of NC Advocates for Justice
Lynn Makor	Department of Public Instruction	2024	2028	Member	Appointed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction
Melinda Munden	Commissioner of Insurance	2023	2027	Member	Commissioner of Insurance designee
Patricia Reyna	Office of the Governor	2023	2027	Member	Family member of person with brain injury (Eastern, NC)

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Renee Johnson	Office of the Governor	2023	2027	Member	Family member of person with brain injury (Western, NC)
Richard Long	Secretary of Administration	2022	2026	Member	Representative of Veterans Affairs
Rosanne Randall	North Carolina Senate	2023	2027	Member	Veteran or family member of a veteran who has suffered a brain injury
Virginia Knowlton-Marcus	Office of the Governor	2022	2026	Member	Executive Director or designee of the NC Protection and Advocacy System
Vacant	Office of the Governor			Member	Survivor of brain injury (Western, NC)
Vacant	Speaker of the House			Member	At-large member who may have experience as a school nurse or rehabilitation specialist
Vacant	Speaker of the House			Member	Physician with expertise in trauma, neurosurgery, neuropsychology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, or emergency medicine

Non-Voting Members

Member Name	Appointing Authority	Position	Appointing Seat Description
Abigail Coffey	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Public Health (DPH)
Azzie Conley	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR)
Dreama McCoy	Superintendent of Public Instruction	Member	Representing Division of Exceptional Children (DEC)
Juanita Hooker	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Council on Developmental Disabilities
LaKecia Cates	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Health Benefits (DHB)
Laurel Vick	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Social Services (DSS)
Marcia Gibson	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Employment and Independence for People with Disabilities (DEIPD)
Robin Sulfridge	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Health Service Regulation (DHSR)
Stephanie Jones	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services (DMH/DD/SUS)

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Tom Mitchell	Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS)	Member	Representing Office of Emergency Medical Services